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**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BAUER APPLAUDS SIGNING
OF S.C. MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND**

(Columbia) - Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has expressed his pleasure over the recent signing into law of the South Carolina Military Family Relief Fund. Bauer, who along with Columbia Senator John Courson helped gained passage of the bill, says its great to be able to help those South Carolinians who have been protecting our freedom for so long.

"I am so happy that our government has stepped up to provide such needed assistance to our state's military families," Bauer said. "As we contemplated this bill, we saw just how much help some of these families needed and were unable to get. Now, we see two great things - one is help for our bravest citizens, and the second is a way for our residents to say 'thank you' when they complete their tax returns."

The Military Family Relief Fund is modeled after a similar program in Illinois that Lt. Governor Bauer first learned of through that state's Lt. Governor, Pat Quinn. "I salute my friend, Lt. Governor Andre Bauer, for leading the way and passing the South Carolina Military Family Relief Fund," Quinn said. "As Abraham Lincoln once said, 'It is the responsibility of us on the home front to care for him who shall have borne the battle' and South Carolina is shouldering that responsibility by setting aside party politics and working together for a greater cause."

The bill allows taxpayers to donate a portion of what they pay in tax directly to the fund. It also allows direct contributions from businesses and individuals who wish to do even more to help military families.

"I urge every South Carolina taxpayer to check this box on their state return," Bauer added. "It doesn't cost any more to do so, and the help it will provide is immeasurable in terms of saying how grateful we all are to the men and women who voluntarily put themselves in harm's way to secure our way of life."

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